

Open-Water Safety Craft



DESCRIPTION:

This Open-Water Safety Craft (OWSC) program permits personnel to monitor waterborne training. The craft's integrated communication and navigational systems and speed of 30-plus-knots allows for rapid response to a disabled craft or injured personnel. Other key attributes is the ease of transporting casualties from the water to its deck, it's sufficient space in the cabin for treating and transporting casualties.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT:

Many formal Marine Corps training programs, Special Operations training group, and Reconnaissance units are required to focus on amphibious training. A safety craft and crew must supervise these units while they are conducting small boat training, surface swims, and combatant diving and be ready to MedEvac an injured Marine or combatant diver to a medical facility. Historically, when the craft used for the safety boat mission have not been large or fast enough, units

often purchased non-standard craft to meet their requirements. This is no longer necessary with this craft in the field. The Open Water Safety Craft will be provided to multiple formal Marine Corps training programs, Special Operations training group, and Reconnaissance units.

PROGRAM STATUS:

The Marine Corps purchased 19 boats in FY 2006. Fielding of the OWSC began in first quarter FY 2007 and will continue to completion in fourth quarter FY 2007.

Procurement Profile:	FY 2007	FY 2008
Quantity:	0	0

Developer/Manufacturer:
SAFE Boats International